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The drug problem is still a global challenge that constitutes a serious threat to the health, safety and well-being of humankind, in particular to children and young people. Today, drugs continue to destroy lives, generate crime and threaten sustainable development.

International cooperation and technical assistance are improving law enforcement capabilities. We are advised therefore to offer our children and young people alternatives in order to stop drug abuse. These activities should start already at primary schools, going hand in hand with the assistance of parents, teachers and psychological experts.

Illicit drug activities and organized criminal activities around the globe are complex problems and require a coordinated approach, involving all agencies and governments including law enforcement, in particular the Police which is confronted with drug problems every day. Experts in the field of pharmaceuticals should work closely with the police force in order to give professional assistance to the police at the front line.

It is a fact that there is a close link between drug supply, drug trafficking, organized crime and money-laundering and it needs cross-border cooperation in order to successfully counter illicit drug supply. A way out of the production of illicit "Synthetic Drugs" could be close cooperation between law enforcement/Police and chemical/pharmaceutical industry, including manufacturing companies, in order to prevent illicit synthetic drug supply. Companies producing and dealing with synthetics and pharmaceuticals should be advised to take measures for countering illicit synthetic products which can be used by criminals for the production of synthetic drugs.

If all bodies involved in the fight against illicit drug supply are willing to cooperate and do so, there will be a chance to reduce the production and sale of illicit synthetic drugs. The International Police Association is working effectively on drug prevention and countering of illicit drug supply, at national and international level.

The International Police Association is organizing "Symposiums" concerning drug abuse including discussions and debates regarding the world-wide drug. These activities mainly take place in our "Symposium-Castle of Gimborn/Germany". Many delegates from abroad are attending these events with the goal of a way out of the "Darkness". Furthermore many brochures and booklets are published and submitted to children, adults and teachers.

The International Police Association is working in close and successful cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.